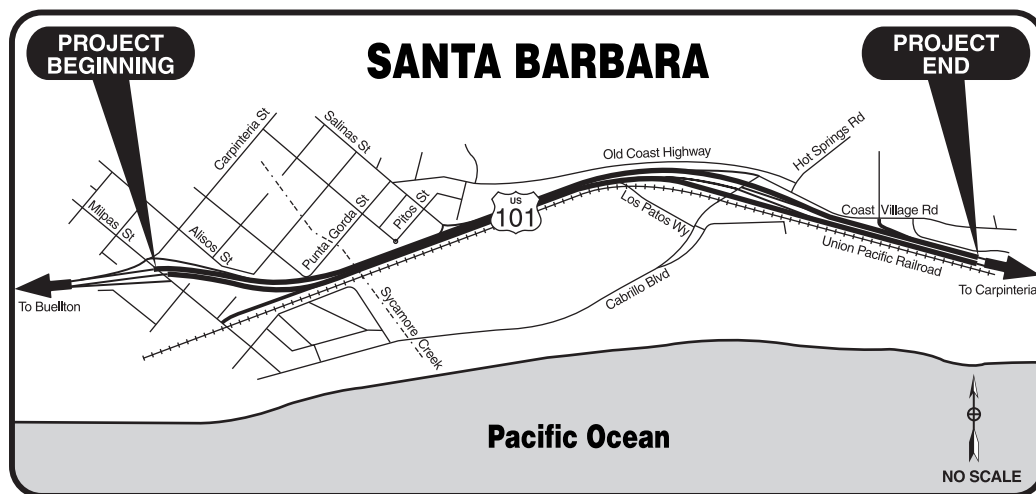




PUBLIC NOTICE



Announcement of Public Meeting and Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA)/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for US Highway 101



WHERE AND WHEN?

① Formal Community Meeting

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2002

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: Casa de la Raza
601 E. Montecito Street
Santa Barbara, CA

② Informational Open House

Date: Monday, October 28, 2002

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Faulkner Gallery
Santa Barbara Library
40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA

③ Formal Community Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2002

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Cabrillo Arts Center
1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd.
Santa Barbara, CA

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve safety and operations on Route 101 in the City of Santa Barbara through the Santa Barbara Operational Improvement Project. The project area extends from the Milpas Street Interchange south to the Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard interchanges.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans shall soon be releasing a combined environmental document composed of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under federal law and a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under California law. In order to plan for and build a better project, Caltrans is soliciting comments during the public review period, which closes on December 15, 2002. A court reporter will be available at each meeting to take your verbal comments. Spanish translators will be available at all three meetings. The purpose of all public meetings is to gather comments on the EA/Draft EIR. Staff will be available to answer specific questions regarding project features and impacts.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the EA/Draft EIR, preliminary project design for each alternative and other project information will be available for viewing. For further information concerning the environmental documentation of this project please contact Ms. Brandy Rider at (866) 484-8235. You can look at or obtain the environmental document at the Caltrans District 5 office located at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA. Copies of the document will also be available for you to read at: SBCAG, 26 Castilian Drive, Goleta, CA, City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara, CA, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara, CA. Written comments on the environmental document will be accepted until December 15, 2002 and should be submitted to: Larry Newland, AICP, Branch Chief, Caltrans Environmental Analysis, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415 or call (866) 484-8235, or by e-mail at simprove@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office (805) 549-3138 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.